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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand improved in late week trading. However, interest was only fair to moderate with some of the better movement reported into fast food outlets. Some traders were cautious and only purchasing on a as needed basis. Supplies of lighter weights were noted as in close balance and generally limited for immediate needs. Heavier sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, interest was light to moderate. Leg quarters were in the best position, and reported as close balanced to short. Wings were in a better position but still available. B/S breast items were fully adequate to ample with some locations pricing product competitively. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12-JUN-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	49.00-64.00	57.93	27
New York	57.00-60.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	55.00-77.00	68.07	92

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
944	64.36-71.00	68.45
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	140.50	1,168
BREASTS - B/S	136.50	5,456
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	1,243
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00	1,051
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	8,313
WINGS	80.50	2,838

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand improved in late week trading and was moderate for the weekend business. However, supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient with smaller sizes in the best balance. In the parts structure, interest was fair with availability of most items at least adequate for current interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in a better balance than earlier in the week and were noted as at least adequate for current needs. Leg cuts were well cleared. Other items were noted as adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trade sentiment was about steady. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged to occasionally higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate with small sized product in the strongest position. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where specials in place. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment closed out the week generally steady on a mixed undertone. Movement was slightly elevated going into weekend and noted as moderate overall, instances into some retail features, fast food and catering. Floor stocks were generally clean and weights desirable. Supplies of leg cuts were very limited, and wings, tenders and breast cuts varied from plant to plant, but were adequate to fully adequate for the light trade call. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg items, barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breast and wings, and steady on the balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts remained at least adequate, but had moved into a closer, better balance with buyer needs. Other items were adequate to well cleared with leg cuts in the closer balance, particularly leg quarters.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	06/05/06-06/09/06
	06/06/05-06/10/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	06/05/06-06/09/06
	06/06/05-06/10/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

JUN 08

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JUN 09

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD		POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG		WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE		AVG		(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	343	118.00-177.00	-	127.74		708	118.00-165.00	-	126.61	3,260	126.52	
TENDERLOINS	178	75.00-157.00	-	92.90		183	87.00-167.00	-	97.03	888	96.59	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				355	66.03	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				290	64.00	
LEGS	188	38.00-44.00	39-40	38.89		163	37.00-44.00	39-40	39.24	810	38.99	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	27.00-32.00	29	29.18		672	27.00-32.00	30	29.80	3,041	28.86	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	928	28.00-34.00	30	30.74		763	30.00-36.00	32	32.14	4,347	30.69	
WINGS (WHOLE)	225	60.00-75.00	-	65.42		330	58.00-80.00	-	65.85	1,535	65.58	
WINGS (CUT)	298	80.00-94.00	-	87.86		145	90.00-94.00	-	90.69	1,395	88.85	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				357	41.76	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				198	50.67	
B/S THIGHS	102	74.00-92.00	-	79.84		142	72.00-91.00	-	77.06	484	80.10	

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR JUN 08, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50 - 50.00	45.93	43.00 - 48.00	45.65	46.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly and was noted as fair to at least moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Leg cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate. The market tone was about steady for boneless skinless breasts; fully steady to firm for drums, legs and leg quarters. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUN 08

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS		WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	123.75	646,340			130-135	129.22	644,280	123.89	3,140,367		
TENDERLOINS	100	98.45	207,620			100	98.25	161,840	96.44	945,177		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	76.13	116,840			71-72	77.60	111,480	78.93	437,200		
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	73.27	88,200			71	73.33	82,800	73.39	426,600		
LEGS	41-42	37.57	118,280			42-43	40.06	179,000	40.04	724,040		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	28.91	396,800			31-32	30.67	239,840	28.96	1,661,040		
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.02	109,370			34-35	38.25	147,240	38.51	555,710		
THIGHS	28-29	35.75	37,840			28-29	39.69	61,040	37.66	295,870		
B/S THIGHS	83-84	81.35	135,200			83-84	82.14	118,520	82.19	565,440		
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.41	220,960			70-71	70.38	172,840	69.51	1,053,760		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.70	37,680			10-12	11.78	14,560	11.73	106,160		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	23.79	17,720			30-35	25.20	9,440	24.13	71,080		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.69	18,320			40-45	44.74	22,560	44.01	99,800		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)			
	06/09	06/08	06/07	06/06	06/07	06/06	06/02	05/31		
Alabama	4,236	4,169	4,035	4,014	5.38	5.36	4,690	5.41		
Arkansas	5,007	5,402	5,230	5,350	5.25	5.32	5,994	5.32		
Delmarva	2,436	2,274	2,267	2,559	5.66	5.75	2,313	5.70		
KY-LA-TN	2,513	2,337	2,351	2,339	5.09	5.10	2,249	5.48		
Mississippi	3,265	2,923	2,927	2,954	5.77	5.83	3,076	5.78		
North Carolina	2,488	2,633	2,593	2,636	6.80	6.83	2,902	6.79		
Texas	2,579	2,557	2,532	2,481	5.36	5.37	2,461	5.36		
Total	22,524	22,295	21,935	22,001	5.56	5.60	23,685	5.62		
Mon-Fri	111,373(A)						97,811(A)			
Saturday	1,933 (included in total for date shown)						3,650			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jun-06 and 10-Jun-06 is estimated to be 33,698,000 head down 5.19 percent from a week ago and down 5.79 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 35,542,000, last year 35,770,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Jun-06 is estimated to be 166,167,000 head up 16.28 percent from a week ago, and down 0.59 percent from a year ago. (Last week 142,908,000, last year 167,150,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 27-May-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,816	22,856	48,447
Avg Weight	3.68	4.76	6.50
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

#### Comparisons

Last week	27,544	21,887	57,016
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	6.45
% of total /1	26%	21%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,089	34,421	47,229
Avg Weight	3.67	4.76	6.35
% of total /1	25%	32%	43%

To date/2006	567,343	404,016	1,136,863
To date/2005	583,612	456,253	1,032,827

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 03-JUN-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	142,908	757	1,463	2,220	493
Avg Wt	5.41	3.23	8.26	6.54	6.42
Last week	171,120	1,076	1,539	2,615	500
Same wk yr ago	148,108	1,450	1,363	2,813	496
Avg Wt	5.30	3.34	7.23	5.53	6.88
To-date/2006	3,536,500	25,675	32,054	57,729	11,342
To-date/2005	3,472,011	34,032	29,977	64,009	11,081

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 144.6 million head, or 18.5 million less than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April 29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May 6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
June 3	144.6	163.1	89%	5.41
Year to date		3579.5	3604.3	99%
June 10		165.4		
17		166.0		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	06/10/06	06/03/06	% CHG	06/11/05	% CHG
Broilers	166,167	142,908*	+16.28	167,150*	-0.59
Cattle	707	609	+16	658*	+07
Hogs	1,903	1,668	+14	1,909*	0

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-JUN-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53.00-64.00	56.00-60.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.50-86.25	73.00-78.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were in balance to adequate for current needs. Schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-JUN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** June 06, 2006

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.75 - .90
Chukars	- 3.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.75
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 1.60ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.25ea.
Silgies	1.25 - 1.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .50
Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.35
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.25 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 3.25ea.
Goats	70.00 - 75.00ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 60.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.05

Total Coops Sold 512

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy cannery; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light to fair at best demand; with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
18-27 MAJORITY 23-24

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
20-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally light to fair, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings into traditional slaughter operations were fully adequate to ample with demand light. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10	5-7

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUN-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was about steady to barely steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were light. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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